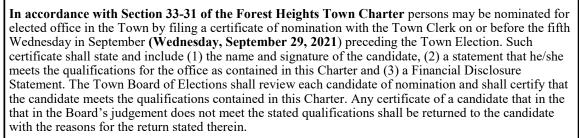
# **Special Municipal Election Notice**

# TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2021

#### YOUR POLLING PLACE Forest Heights Municipal Building 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745



**Financial Disclosure Statement:** Financial Disclosure Statements may be obtained from the Municipal Building and must be turned in with the certificate of nomination

**Qualifications:** Candidates for Mayor shall have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding their election, shall be qualified voters of the Town, and shall maintain a permanent residence in the Town during their term of office.

If you have recently moved into Forest Heights from somewhere else in Prince George's County or moved from one Ward to another Ward, you must provide the County Board of Elections Supervisor with your new address. If you have never registered to vote in Prince George's County, a voter registration application must be submitted to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections.

Voter registration applications must be postmarked by **September 22, 2021**, to vote in the Town Election. Registration applications may be obtained from the Municipal Building in Forest Heights. For any additional information regarding election registration, please contact the Town Clerk at 301-839-1030 or the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

**Absentee Voters** may request an application in writing for an absentee ballot before the election. The ballot must be received no later than 8:00 PM the day of the election (**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**). Please contact the Town Clerk of Forest Heights at 301-839-1030 for additional information.

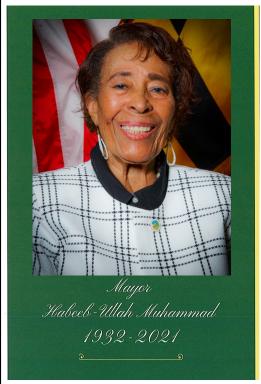
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 AT 4:30 PM ALL CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK ONLY

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# OREST HEIGHTS NEWS

# In memory of Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad



The Town of Forest Heights is saddened to announce the passing of Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Her memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at the Temple of Praise at 700 Southern Avenue, Washington DC, 20032. The Town would like to thank Pastor Walter Staples for conducting the eulogy, the Forest Heights Police Department for serving as the Honor Guard, Strickland Funeral Services for their support, and the Town Admin staff and family who helped to organize this event.

Serving as the 14th Mayor of the Town of Forest Heights, Mayor Muhammad revitalized many areas of the Town, including Ward III, where she served as Councilwoman from 2014-2016. She was instrumental in providing improvements to the services, upgrading Town infrastructure, and above all, being a fierce, strong voice for the Town and its residents. She never stopped moving, and never stopped fighting for her community. Her legacy is one of dedicated staff working together to positively affect the lives of Forest Heights citizens every day.

On August 31, 2021, County Councilwoman Monique Anderson Walker (District 8) presented a proclamation from the Prince George's County Council declaring August 31 to be "Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad Day".

Council President Calvin Washington (Ward I) will be serving as the acting mayor of the Town of Forest Heights. There will be a special election to permanently fill the position of Mayor on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 11AM-8PM at the Municipal Building.

Thank you to all those who have shown their love and support to the family and the town. Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad touched everyone who knew her, and knew how to make everyone feel like family. She was everyone's Grandma. We will miss her dearly.

#### TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

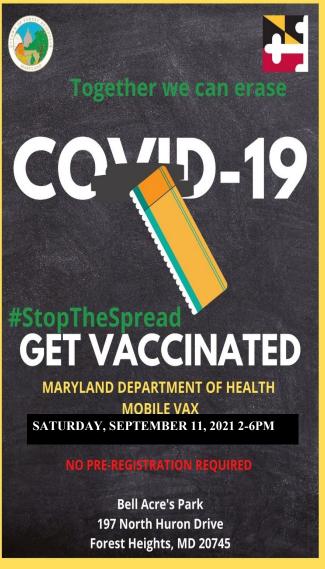
The Town of Forest Heights celebrated its annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. We had an amazing turnout, with free games, food, and even a mobile vaccination clinic! Thanks to the Forest Heights Police Department and Forest Heights Admin and Public Works staff for organizing this event. Thanks to Jonathon Kennedy II for volunteering and giving out popcorn and snow cones. We gave away over 200 backpacks to students at the event with 200 more given at our School Drive on August 29. We would like to thank our sponsors, Goode Companies, Walmart, Target, Costco, The Law Offices of Kevin Best, Rita's the Auto Repair Center of Oxon Hill, Subway, Norris Garage, Giant, and Dollar Tree for their contributions. We could not have done this without them.













#### SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

On Sunday, August 29, 2021, the Town of Forest Heights gave out over 200 backpacks filled with school supplies. We had a great turnout, and wish everyone a safe and happy 2021-2022 school year! Thanks to our volunteers, Councilwoman Hines, Arjohn, Veronica Spears, Jonathon Kennedy II, and Acting



Mayor Calvin Washington, as well as the Forest Heights Admin and Public Works staff who helped make this event possible. Thanks to Dollar Tree, Walmart, and Costco for their donations of school supplies. We are happy to serve our community and our residents.



#### **COUNCIL WARD WALKS**

On Thursday, August 12 the Town of Forest Heights held its Council Ward Walk with Ward III councilmembers Paula Noble and Taunya Hines, to enhance relationships between the staff, elected officials, and the citizens. If you would like to get more involved, we invite you to sign up for electronic mailing updates, join in on our town meetings, and come out to our events. Thanks to the Forest Heights Police Department and Admin staff who made this possible!

#### **UPCOMING POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE EVENTS**

The Forest Heights Police Activities League (PAL) plans to hold several events to finish off the summer and come together in the fall. We had such a blast with our water balloon bash that we will have it again!.

Join the Forest Heights Police Department for its Water Bash 2.0 on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 1-5pm at Forest Heights Neighborhood Park. There will be free music, food, and obstacle courses. Come out, get wet, and have a blast to end out summer!

The Forest Heights Police Department will be hosting a laser tag glow party on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 7PM-10PM at Forest Heights Neighborhood Park. Get ready for a spirited game of laser tag, and learn more about the Forest Heights Police Department.

The Forest Heights Police department will be hosting its first Trunk or Treat event at Forest Heights Neighborhood Park on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 6PM-9PM, alongside the outdoor Haunted House. All are welcome. Show off your best Halloween spirit!



Back to School means sharing the road. The first day of school is September 8, which means its time to be alert and share the road.

It takes an effort on everyone's part to ensure the roads are safe for all traffic.



#### **Pet Waste Station Reminder**

The Town of Forest Heights has several pet waste stations located throughout the municipality. Do not put ordinary trash in the stations. Please do your "duty" and scoop that poop!



#### **COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES NEARBY** Information from Prince George's County

Vaccinations available at the Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover MD

For first-dose appointments, schedule by visiting https://covidvaccinereg.princegeorgescountymd.gov/

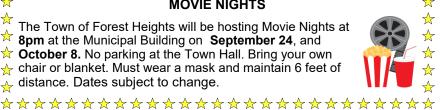
#### THIRD DOSES NOW AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS WITH

WEAKENED IMMUNE SYSTEMS. Third doses for immunocompromised individuals are also available at local pharmacies, urgent care facilities, retail stores, and via other health care providers.

Eligible individuals seeking third doses **DO NOT** have to receive them at the same clinic where they received their first and second doses. The County Health Department encourages residents to consult with their doctor to determine if they need an additional dose. The County will not require proof or a doctor's note from individuals to receive a third dose. The CDC has not recommended additional doses for any other populations at this time. The FDA has yet to authorize an additional dose for people who are immunocompromised and received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* **MOVIE NIGHTS**

The Town of Forest Heights will be hosting Movie Nights at **8pm** at the Municipal Building on **September 24**, and Ctober 8. No parking at the Town Hall. Bring your own ☆ chair or blanket. Must wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of 



#### **Exercise Group**

The Forest Heights Senior Exercise Class meets in the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 noon. It is free for Forest Heights residents, and a great way to stay fit.

#### **Forest Heights Farmers Market** Running from July-October

**Every Wednesday** 11:00 AM-4:00 P.M.

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**Abundant Life Ministries** 

5533 Livingston Road, Forest Heights, MD 20745



#### Little Free Libraries open

The Community Gathering Space on Indian Head Highway is now home to 2 Little Free Libraries, one for kids, the other for adults. Take a book, and leave a book behind. These libraries are free to use and add character to our community park.



#### Weatherization Assistance Available: FREE HOME UPGRADES

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. The new and updated applications are here! Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or emailed on request. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference. For more information, call 301-839-1030. Anyone who meets the income requirements is welcome to apply. Come check it out today!

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House		Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	l
1	\$57,750.00	2	>	\$66,000.00	ı
3	\$74,200.00	4	>	\$82,500.00	ı
5	\$89,100.00	6	>	\$95,700.00	l
7	\$102,300.00	8	>	\$108,900.00	l



#### Dear Neighbors,

If you notice a Street or Area Light that is out please contact the Administrative Office at the Town Hall with the Street Address and Pole Number if possible. You can find the Pole Number on the side of the pole facing the street and should read similar to:

PEPCO 767452-1464.

#### **NEED A TRASH CAN?**

Residents who are in need of a replacement trash can due to damage to your existing can may call the Town Administration or visit the Municipal Building. Call 301-839-1030 if you have any questions or need your can replaced.

#### NOTICE FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

We are experiencing some residents cutting their grass and blowing it into the street. This is a violation of Town code 19.1. (A) <u>Littering Prohibited A.</u> It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to throw, deposit, or allow to be deposited upon any street, gutter, walkways, Town property or play area, any leaves, grass clippings, yard waste. Improper disposal of litter and debris results in litter or debris flowing or being carried into the storm drainage system. This violation is deemed a municipal infraction upon conviction, and shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first offence. Repeat offenders may be assessed a fine not exceeding \$200 for each repeat offense.

#### Trash yard waste and bulk are being put out too early.

Residents have been putting out trash cans and yard waste or bulk trash two or more days before pickup. This is a violation of Town Code: 11.3.3 Trash Receptacles Placing receptacles and bulky trash. 3. No garbage, trash receptacles or bulky refuse shall be permitted to be placed at curbside prior to sunset on the evening prior to the designated collection day, and the empty receptacles shall be removed prior to sunrise the day following the scheduled collection day. Any person violating the provisions of the Article shall be guilty of an infraction and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$200 for the first offense. Repeat offenders may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$400 for each repeat offense.



#### FOREST HEIGHTS SHREDDING

Do you have papers that need to be shredded, old documents that need to be cleaned out of your house? The Town of Forest Heights plans to host its Fall Shredding on **Saturday**,

**October 16, 2021** from 9AM-12 noon. Bring any documents you would like to see shredded such as those with sensitive information.

Do Not bring 3 ring binders, staples, or paper clips. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be some additional precautions taken to ensure the safety of everyone involved. This includes requirements to wear a face mask and stay in your car during the event. We appreciate

your cooperation for everyone's safety. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Christmas in April**

Are you or someone you know elderly and/or disabled and need repairs done for your home? The non-profit group Christmas in April is now accepting applications for their 2022 program on April 30, 2022. Their mission is to renovate the houses of those in need, such as seniors and the disabled, so that they can continue to live in safety and independence.

The deadline for applications is November 1, 2021. Applications are available online at <a href="http://www.christmasinaprilpg.org/">http://www.christmasinaprilpg.org/</a> and in the Municipal Building. Need help getting an application? Call 301-839-1030.

Applications fill out fast, so don't delay. If you have questions you may call them at 301-868-0937. We look forward to helping you with much needed repairs to your home.



**Keep your Sidewalk Clean:** As we enter fall, please take the time to rake up any Yard Waste and keep it from spilling on the sidewalk. Grass clippings can be a tripping hazard, especially after wet weather. Failure to sweep up Yard Waste is subject to a fine under Article 19.1 of the Town Ordinance.

# **Community Calendars**

# September 2021

Sunday	day Monday Tues		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 Labor Day Town Hall Closed  13 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup  14 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM		8 Farmers Market 11AM-4PM Abundant Life Ministries	9 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	10	11 Concert in the Park 2-6PM
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19	20 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	21 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	22 Farmers Market 11AM-4PM Abundant Life Ministries	23 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	24 Forest Heights Movie Night 8PM	25 PAL Water Balloon Bash 1-5pm
26	27 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	28 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	29 Farmers Market 11AM-4PM Abundant Life Ministries	30 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM		

# October 2021

Sunday Monday Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	4 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 860 083 16885	5 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	6 Farmers Market 11AM-4PM Abundant Life Ministries	7 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	8	9
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31 Halloween	25 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	26 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	27 Farmers Market 11AM-4PM Abundant Life Ministries	28 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	29	30 FHPD Trunk or Treat 6PM- 9PM Forest Heights Park

**Local Forest Heights** 

**Post Customer** 

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TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

#### TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak, Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.

#### FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE STATION

**Open Monday through Friday** 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 301-839-4040 (Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency) (301) 352-1200

Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.



PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m.

MONDAY-Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

#### **Forest Heights Residents:**

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste, paper bags should not be out all weekend especially if it's going to rain.

> Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less) NO METAL

#### Calvin Washington, acting mayor (Ward I)

cwashington@forestheightsmd.gov

**Town Council/Administration** 

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#### **Robert Barnes**

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Ward II

#### **Clifton Atkinson**

catkinson@forestheightsmd.gov

#### Theresa Brownson

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Ward III

#### Taunya Hines

thines@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **Paula Noble**

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Linwood Robinson, Town Administrator- ext. 1234

Irobinson@forestheightsmd.gov

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk-ext. 1233

shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Kathleen Via, Administrative Assistant—ext. 1229

kvia@forestheightsmd.gov

Leittia Vaughn, Town Treasurer-ext. 1235

lvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

Larry Vaughn, Public Works Director—ext. 1231

Idvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

(301) 839-4040

Chief of Police, Col. Anthony Rease—ext. 1224

chief@forestheightsmd.gov

Senora Thompson Scott, Police Clerk—ext. 1225

SenoraT@forestheightsmd.gov

**Lisa White, Director of Communications** 

TFH Media@forestheightsmd.gov

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE**

Joseph Hawkins—ext.1228

codeenforcement@forestheightsmd.gov

Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200 EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES** 

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

**NOTARY SERVICES-by appointment only** 

8:30a.m-4:00 p.m.